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## **Ashley back to defend her 11<sup>th</sup> AmBank SportExcel International Junior Golf Championships 2016**

Defending champion and one of Malaysia's top junior golfers, Ashley Lau will be back to defend her title for the 11th AmBank SportExcel International Junior Golf Championship 2016 at the scenic and challenging Templer Park Country Club in Rawang, Selangor which commences from 20-22 December 2016.

This time, she will be representing Hills Australia where she is currently on a one-year golf sponsorship which she won last year by virtue of emerging champion in the Girl's 15-18 category title, defeating SEA Games champion Princess Superal from Philippines. AmBank Group is the main sponsor for the 11<sup>th</sup> year running.

Other National Junior golfers in the fray are Muhammad Afif Fathi, Lim Beng Keat, Rhaasrikanesh, Winnie Ng and Natasha Andrea Oon. The tournament will feature 70 local junior golfers plus 52 international players from Thailand (27), India (seven), Australia (six) China (four), Chinese Taipei (four), Singapore (two), South Korea (one) and Indonesia (one).

"We are delighted to be the main sponsor for the 11<sup>th</sup> year running and a total of 122 players will be taking part in the tournament. I believe, the competition will be close with many players stepping up their game, and putting on more hours on the course. With a large number of junior foreign talent making their presence felt in this tournament, the local Boys and Girls are sure to put on their best round of golf," said Eghwan Mokhzanee, Chief Executive Officer, AmBank Islamic after presenting the mock cheque to Tunku Tan Sri Imran Tuanku Jaafar, Chairman, SportExcel.

“SportExcel firmly believes that the future of Malaysian sports lies in the sustainable junior sport development programme. We at AmBank Group, share the same vision too as we believe that by giving support to youth training programmes, it will unearth new talents. Hence, grassroots development will go a long way in developing and elevating sports to a higher level in the country,” added Eghwan.

The Best Players from the Blue Tee (Boys 13-14 and 15-18 age group category) and White Tee (Girls 13-14 and 15-18 age group category) will also be vying for the Tan Sri Azman Hashim trophy, named after the AmBank Group Chairman.

For the AmBank SportExcel International Junior Golf Championships 2016, the 122 juniors will play in six age group categories namely, 12 years and below, 13-14 years and 15-18 years, both in Boys and Girls category.

The main prize categories in the Championship are:

- 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> placing for each category.
- Overall Best Blue-Tee and Overall Best White-Tee
- Overall Best Gross Score

In addition, the Overall Best Gross Score will receive a one-year scholarship from Hills Golf Academy, Gold Coast, Australia worth approximately RM150,000 or \$45,000 Australian Dollar (AUD). Another four best local players will receive a one-month scholarship worth approximately RM26,000 or \$8,000 Australian Dollar (AUD).

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